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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified Application, please make the
following amendments:

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 11. (canceled).

12. (new): A wristwatch including a case at least one part of which is electrically conductive and in which are housed an electronic module including a printed circuit board and an electric power source for powering said electronic module, said wristwatch further including an antenna provided with a ground plane, said printed circuit board having, at its periphery, a mechanical contact zone with said electrically conductive part of the case,

wherein the antenna and the ground plane are arranged on the top face of said printed circuit board, said top face being arranged on the side of a display device of the wristwatch, and wherein said printed circuit board includes a conductive path extending at the periphery of said printed circuit board, over said mechanical contact zone, and establishing an electric contact, on the one hand, with said electrically conductive part of the case and, on the other hand, with said ground plane so as to enlarge the ground plane of said antenna in directions extending substantially in the extension of said ground plane, the enlargement being located substantially in the plane containing the ground plane of the antenna.

13. (new): The wristwatch according to claim 12, wherein said antenna is a micro-strip antenna including a radiating element arranged substantially parallel to said ground plane.

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14. (new): The wristwatch according to claims 12, wherein it includes an electrically conductive strip made of compressible material that is inserted, on said mechanical contact zone, between said electrically conductive part of the case and said conductive path.

15. (new): The wristwatch according to claim 14, wherein said electrically conductive strip is compressed between said conductive path and a shoulder arranged on the electrically conductive part of the case.

16. (new): The wristwatch according to claim 15, wherein it further includes a support element exerting a pressure at several points of the periphery of said printed circuit board where said electrically conductive strip is compressed.

17. (new): The wristwatch according to claim 14, wherein said electrically conductive strip is a conductive elastomer.

18. (new): The wristwatch according to claim 12, wherein said conductive path is arranged on a first face of the printed circuit board and is electrically connected to other conductive paths of the electronic module via metallised holes.

19. (new): The wristwatch according to claim 12, wherein said electrically conductive part of the case is electrically connected to a pole of determined electric potential of the electric power source, said electrically conductive part of the case being used to bring said determined electric potential to said electronic module via said conductive path.

20. (new): The wristwatch according to claim 12, wherein said electrically conductive part of the case is brought to a determined electric potential via said conductive path.

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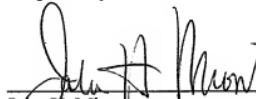
21. (new): The wristwatch according to claim 12, wherein said conductive path extends over substantially the entire periphery of the printed circuit board.
22. (new): The wristwatch according to claim 12, wherein said conductive path extends over at least a part of the periphery of the printed circuit board located in proximity to said ground plane.

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PCT/EP2004/051108, filed: June 14, 2004

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to eliminate all multiple dependent claims, thereby both ensuring examination of all claims on the merits in the first Office Action and eliminating the need for a multiple dependent claim fee.

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